

EYES ON PJP

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018



A message from our President/Principal:

There sitting in front of me, in his papal chair on September 12, 1987, Pope John Paul II addressed our group of Catholic educational leaders in a conference room at the Louisiana Super Dome. I sat on the edge of my seat on the second row as the Holy Father declared to us that what the world needs are more saints. Not in my wildest dreams did I ever conceive of becoming the President/Principal of the first Catholic high school in the world to be named in his honor. The memory of this gathering was sealed with the honor of shaking hands with this man who today we call St. John Paul the Great.

Sealed in my heart is the calling from Pope John Paul II to make more saints in the world today. As President/Principal of Pope John Paul II High School, I am called to lead a community of gifted educators to invite and mentor its students to become saints in the daily lives of their family, friends, and community. Anyone who desires to love family, friends, or strangers to the best of their ability and to create a world that reflects the goodness of its creator is on the saintly path, even in their imperfections.

It is the mission of Pope John Paul II High School to guide its students to achieve excellence at their churches, in their

classrooms, on the athletic fields and courts, in their art, music or dance studios, and in their communities. My goal is to empower the students, parents, faculty, and staff of Pope John Paul II High School to experience the fullness of life so that we can create our life on earth as it is in Heaven.

I believe the providence of God has brought me to Pope John Paul II High School. My vocation as a husband of 36 years and father of three, my education at St. Joseph Seminary College and Loyola University New Orleans, and my experience as a teacher, retreat director, writer, national speaker, and assistant principal has prepared me to lead the school to its next step and beyond in its

mission to be Christian leaders for excellence in service to its community.

I enjoyed meeting many of you during last Thursday's "Meet & Greet" and hope you gained some insight into my vision here at PJP. Thank you for taking time to come and chat, and please let me know if there are any questions that remain. Meanwhile, I look forward to meeting each of you and your witness of faith, as demonstrated by the sacrifices you have made to provide a Catholic education for your sons and daughters.

God bless,



Douglas V. Triche

Back to School Notables

Teacher In-Service Days	8/1 - 8/6
* Campus is Closed on 8/2 for Teacher In-Service *	
Gridiron Parent Mtg	8/2 @ 6 pm
Evening VB Game @ UNO	8/3
GNO Sports Hall of Fame	8/4
New Student Orientation	8/7
Safe Environment at PJP	8/7 @ 6:30 pm
Book Day	8/8
First Day of School	8/9
Seniors First Day	8/9 12:30 - 2:20
Football Jersey Night	8/11 @ 6 pm
Feast of Assumption Mass	8/15 @ 10:30 am
Back to School Night	8/15 @ 6:30 pm
PJP Tailgate Party	8/25 @ 6:30 pm

PJP Volleyball to receive honors.....



Our Lady Jags, four-time consecutive volleyball state champions, are being honored by the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame. On Saturday, August 4th, the 2017 team will be recognized at a banquet in the Super Dome. PJP extends a warm congratulations to the young ladies and especially to Coaches Danny Tullis, Rachel Battistella, and Mike Henry for all their time and dedication helping our girls achieve such great success. Only one other team from the area (John Curtis - Baseball) will receive this high recognition. We are so proud of our girls, and look forward to another successful season!

This school year, John Paul II High welcomes in ten new employees to our family. Joining this year's staff are:

front row: (L to R) Principal Mr. Douglas Triche, Science Teacher Marissa Nunez, Science Teacher Landon Holmes, Spanish Teacher Jessica Ramos, and Math/Science Teacher Melanie Tiblier.

back row: (L to R) Soc. Studies/PE Coach Chris Cryer, Math Teacher Michael Couvillion, P.E. Coach Charles Cryer and Deacon (& Coach) JB (Brian) Bergeron, who will instruct Social Studies & assume the role of Dean of Students for our 8th & 9th grades.

Not pictured is Austin Puntilla (PJP Class of 2011) who returns to his alma mater to instruct Math courses.



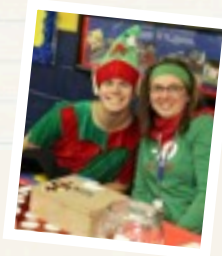
Save the Dates

Members of our National Honor Society have been busily planning for this year's **Academic Olympics** when 250+ elementary school children will converge on our campus to be challenged and tested in hopes of being rewarded for their outstanding academic achievements. On Saturday, October 6th, competitors from St. Tammany and beyond will vie for a place at the top of their respective subjects. They include: Math, Reading, Science, Language Arts, and Technology categories. We thank the Honor Society and their moderators for all their planning for this important community-builder spotlighting academic excellence here at PJP.



Open House will be held this year on October 25th. Volunteers are needed and welcome to come help with this evening. Please let our Advancement Dept. know of your availability to come out and help us show guests our Jaguar hospitality.

The annual **Christmas Bazaar**, now in its 7th year, is set for Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Plan to come out and shop our many vendors, take photos with Santa and enjoy the beginning of the holiday season. Over 40 artisans will be in our gym selling lots of great crafts and Christmas gifts. Vendor spots are limited, but still available. Contact Robin Mangano for more info or to volunteer.



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: School opens at 7:00 am each school day. Supervision begins at that time. In the afternoon, the dismissal bell rings at 2:45, with supervision provided until 3:15. After that time, all students still on campus must be involved in on-campus activity, supervised by an adult (sports practices, etc.)



Earn Cash for Our School!

We participate in BOX TOPS for EDUCATION and Community Coffee label collection.

Please clip Box Tops and Community labels and turn in to school & help earn grade-level rewards! Thank you for your participation. Our school's goal is to collect 7,500 by December.



The Safe Environment program offered through the Archdiocese of New Orleans, requires all adult volunteers to our campus to be certified and re-certified every 3 years. Please contact Ms. Bremond at our school office if you need assistance or have questions

Back to School Reminders

All **8th & 9th graders** are required to attend Orientation Day on Aug. 7th. Remember to abide by spirit dress guidelines (substituting appropriate top for spirit shirt this event).

Book Day is Aug. 8th for all.

Please come to school dressed in full uniform. All underclassmen **must be in compliance with uniform dress & grooming codes and take a photo for yearbook and I.D.**

purposes (even if you do not purchase a photo package). Seniors who've already taken portraits are the sole exception. Bring multiple checks (or cash). Bring your iPad - already charged and all forms to submit. Tuition & fee balances must be provided or financed by this day - no exceptions. Everyone will now need to stop at Station #3a to acknowledge our Service Hour policy changes.

First day of classes, Aug. 9th, will begin at normal time for all underclassmen (8th thru 11th grades) in full uniform who will visit all seven classes. All seniors will report to school (in spirit dress) for 12:30 that same day.

